

Overtures - Maitland River Community Church - 2022-12

Overture 1: Reimbursement for classical appointments

Maitland River Community Church of Wingham overtures Classis Huron to increase the rate that sending churches are reimbursed for classical appointments to the approved rate for pulpit supply plus a *fixed mileage allowance of 200 km at the approved rate for mileage.

Grounds:

1. The sending church has to arrange and pay for pulpit supply, plus pay mileage for pulpit supply, while only being reimbursed for pulpit supply by the vacant (receiving) church.
2. The vacant (receiving) church is saving over \$1500 per week on pastor salary expense and therefore can well afford to pay the sending church for pulpit supply plus a fixed mileage allowance.

* To keep things simple for church treasurers the mileage allowance paid to the sending church is fixed at 200 km. Note: The vacant (receiving) church also reimburses actual mileage to the sending church's pastor.

MOTION: That classis adopt the overture.

Overture 2: Reimbursement Rate for Pulpit Supply

Maitland River Community Church of Wingham overtures Classis Huron to increase the recommended rate for pulpit supply to \$300.

Grounds:

1. Preparation of a sermon can easily take 10+ hours. Driving time 1-3 hours. Time at the receiving church 2-3 hours. Assuming a total time of 15 hours, the current reimbursement of \$150 works out to \$10 per hour. Increasing the recommended rate for pulpit supply to \$300 still only works out to \$20 per hour.
2. Vacant churches receiving classical appointed pulpit supply can well afford this increase.
3. Licensed exhorters need to be properly reimbursed for their time and effort.
1 Timothy 5:18b *"The worker deserves his wages."*

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Overture 3: Reimbursement for Mileage

Maitland River Community Church of Wingham overtures Classis Huron to increase the recommended rate for mileage from \$0.55 to \$0.60 per km.

Grounds:

1. The CRA rate is at \$0.61 per km.
2. The cost of vehicles (depreciation) and fuel has gone up significantly in the past year.

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Overture 4: Campus Minister Classical Appointments

Maitland River Community Church of Wingham overtures Classis Huron that Campus Ministers providing pulpit supply be paid the reimbursement.

Grounds:

1. The Campus Ministers are not employed by a church, nor preach on Sunday morning as part of their job.
2. The receiving church can well afford to pay the reimbursement to the Campus Minister.

MOTION: That classis adopt the overture.

Date: 2022-12-28

Clerk of Council:



Maitland River Community Church